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Cc: Larrabee, Jason[jason_larrabee@ios.doi.gov]
From: Laura Rigas
Sent: 2018-01-26T14:16:24-05:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: FOIA Response - National Bison Range/CSKT (FWS-2018-00095)
Received: 2018-01-26T14:16:33-05:00

Thx.

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On Jan 26, 2018, at 2:15 PM, Willens, Todd <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'll take care of. You shouldn't be in the middle of the FOIA stuff.

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NOTE: Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.

On Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 11:03 AM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

FYI re: FOIAs

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From: **Shire, Gavin** <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Date: Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 11:01 AM
Subject: Fwd: FOIA Response - National Bison Range/CSKT (FWS-2018-00095)
To: Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas
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Response from our FOIA lead below.

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From: **Hyde-Michaels, Carrie** <carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov>
Date: Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 10:56 AM
Subject: Re: FOIA Response - National Bison Range/CSKT (FWS-2018-00095)
To: "Shire, Gavin" <gavin_shire@fws.gov>

Thanks for asking. It looks like they've asked about two issues here.

(b) (5)

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On Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 10:34 AM, Shire, Gavin <gavin_shire@fws.gov> wrote:

Carrie,
See the question below. (b) (5)

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From: **Laura Rigas** <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 10:30 AM
Subject: Re: FOIA Response - National Bison Range/CSKT (FWS-2018-00095)
To: "Shire, Gavin" <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
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Gavin Can you pls ask your FOIA folks since this is not handled in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office? Thx.

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On Jan 26, 2018, at 10:16 AM, Shire, Gavin <gavin_shire@fws.gov> wrote:

That's one for the FOIA folks.

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On Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 10:06 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Press Secretary
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On Jan 26, 2018, at 6:41 AM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Ok. (b) (5)

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On Jan 26, 2018, at 9:08 AM, Shire, Gavin <gavin_shire@fws.gov> wrote:

There are about two dozen emails,
several of them internal discussing
editing of various letters to the tribe and
others, the rest to the tribes themselves.
Without opening every single one and
reviewing in detail, I can't tell if there's
any red flags here, but at a brief glance, it
all seems pretty benign.
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On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 6:11 PM, Rigas, Laura
<laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I could not open the PDFs in the zio
drive. Can you describe what's included?
Thanks.

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On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 5:24 PM, Shire, Gavin

<gavin_shire@fws.gov> wrote:

Going to forward you several other
notable FOIAs to you after this one so
you are aware.
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From: **Hyde-Michaels, Carrie** <carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov>

Date: Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 4:01 PM

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To: Barbara Wainman <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>, Matthew
Huggler <matthew_huggler@fws.gov>,
Gavin Shire <gavin_shire@fws.gov>

Cc: Kenneth Taylor <kenneth_taylor@fws.gov>, Shelley Hartmann
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Region 6 is ready to release records to PEER. The requested material concerns the management of the Fish and Wildlife Service in relation to relationships and communications with the CSKT. The CSKT has been actively involved with the Fish and Wildlife Service, in particular concerning annual funding agreements for the National Bison Range Complex and a possible transfer of the National Bison Range to the Tribe.

I have attached a copy of the request, our final draft response letter,
and a representative sample of the
records to be released.

Thank you,

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